

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Apparatus An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus including comprising:

a connector that is mountable on the prime mover and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement to enable the connector to engage the implement; [,]】 CHARACTERISED IN THAT

retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector; and

means [[is]] provided for, in use, mounting on the connector a retaining element positioned so that a head of the retaining element serves to retain the connecting pin in the recess.

2. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 1, CHARACTERISED IN THAT wherein the retaining element has a tail portion connected to the head and the connector has a formation in which the tail portion can be inserted and which serves to secure the retaining element on the

connector with the head of the retaining element projecting into the recess adjacent the connecting pin.

3. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 2, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein [[the]] dimensions of the retaining element and the formation are such that there is a clearance between the head and the connecting pin which clearance is reduced when the retaining element is rotated after the tail portion has been inserted in the formation.

4. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 3, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the tail portion and the formation have a common axis about which the tail portion is rotated.

5. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 4, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein at least a portion of the head is larger than the formation so that the head is unable to enter the formation.

6. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 5, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the head has a face that bears on a face of the connector after the tail portion has been inserted in the formation.

7. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 6, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the face of the connector is at least partly located in the recess.

8. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 1, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the connector comprises spaced apart side walls joined together by a cross member that is prefabricated and in which the recess is formed before the cross member is joined to the side walls.

9. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 2, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the connector comprises spaced apart side walls joined together by a cross member in the form of a plate that is bent to form [[the]] before the cross member is joined to the side walls.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus The apparatus according to claim 9, ~~CHARACTERISED IN THAT~~ wherein the formation is formed in the cross member before the cross member is joined to the side walls.

11. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connector has two recesses and the implement mounts two connecting pins, a first connecting pin being held, in use, in one recess by the retaining means and the means provided for, in

use, mounting a retaining element is positioned so as to be in or adjacent the second recess which recess, in use, receives the second connecting pin.

12. (new) An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus comprising:

a connector that is mountable on the prime mover and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement to enable the connector to engage the implement; and

means provided for mounting on the connector a retaining element positioned so that a head of the retaining element serves to retain the connecting pin in the recess, the retaining element having a tail portion connected to the head, and the connector having a formation in which the tail portion can be inserted and which serves to secure the retaining element on the connector with the head of the retaining element projecting into the recess adjacent the connecting pin,

wherein dimensions of the retaining element and the formation are such that there is a clearance between the head and the connecting pin, which clearance is reduced when the retaining element is rotated after the tail portion has been inserted in the formation.

13. (new) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the tail portion and the formation have a common axis about which the tail portion is rotated.